IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 9 of the original application, third full paragraph on page 9 corresponding to paragraph [0025] of the published application, please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0025] A substantially wear-free operation of a hammer drill for forming ~~bozes~~ bores with a diameter from 12 mm to 40 mm is obtained when the shank has two guide regions with a diameter 10 mm, with the axial region of the locking groove provided between the two guide regions, having a width including the entrain strips, of 14 mm and a thickness, in the direction perpendicular to the width measurement direction, of 6 mm.

At pages 13-14 of the original application, sixth partial paragraph on page 13 to the first partial paragraph on page 14, corresponding to paragraph [0043] of the published application, please amend the paragraph as follows:

[0043] A shank according to the present invention, which is shown in FIGS. ~~A1,~~ 1a, 1b, and 1c has at least two, axially spaced, guide regions 1a, 1b substantially concentric with respect to the tool longitudinal axis L, two diametrically opposite, radially projecting, entrain strips 2, and two, diametrically opposite, axially closed locking grooves 3 having the same length and located between the opposite guide regions 1a, 1b. The locking grooves 3 are arranged transversely of the entrain strips 2. The locking grooves 3 are designed for receiving a radially displaceable locking member 4 of a chuck 8 which is shown with dash lines and has axially spaced, inner guide surfaces and rotation transmitting means 5. The locking member 4 is also axially displaceable within predetermined limits. The guide regions 1a, 1b have a radial dimension F. The axial region A of the locking grooves 3 has a cross-sectional width B, including both entrain strips 2, and a thickness D in the direction perpendicular to the width-measurement direction. The relationship between the dimensions F, B and D is as follows:

$$D < F < B$$